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Mrs. Cipriano

English 11

**DUE:** 24 September 2010

**Persuasive Essay: Scared Straight**

Almost 300 years ago, Jonathan Edwards, a Puritan minister, became well known for his sermon, “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God,” through which he caused frenzy among his congregation. Throughout history to the present day, numerous other examples of this “scared straight” tactic have been used to teach, convince, and manipulate people to make certain lifestyle choices. Do you think “scaring them straight” is an effective way to change people’s behavior? Has anyone ever used this tactic on you? Write an essay that either **supports** *or* **opposes** using this tactic to teach. What are some possible outcomes of using this strategy to teach people a lesson? Use facts, examples, and other evidence to support your point of view.

**FCAs (Grading):**

Content/Ideas 10 points

Organization 10 points

Pronoun/Antecedent Agreement 5 points

Individual Writing Goal Area: +5 points

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**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_/30 points

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